

building now named Owen Hall). In 1908 the experimental drainage system was installed which for the first time made systematic farm work possible. The station had been managed as a farm up to this time as no real experimental or investigational work was begun — outside of alfalfa varietal trials in 1908, and the setting out of a few fruit trees in 1909 and 1910, — until 1911.

Superintendent William Robertson died suddenly in January 1910, while on a train to St. Paul where he had been called to confer regarding the needs of the institution. During the four years he was the administrative head, a system of drainage had been started and the school organized and established. He had fought a good fight and left a rich heritage in the work he and Mrs. Robertson had done so well.

Mr. L. P. Harrington was acting-superintendent during the remainder of the school year 1909-1910. On August 1, 1910, Conrad G. Selvig was appointed superintendent.



WHERE DUCKS SWAM

During that year Kiehle Building and the girls' dormitory, named later Robertson Hall, in honor of the school's first director, were built.

They were followed, during later years, by three additions to Owen Hall; the installation of a central heating plant; the James J. Hill

building, for class rooms and laboratories, named after the donor of the station land; the second dormitory for boys, named Senior Hall; paving the main roadway from Crookston to the school; the new dining hall and service building; the animal products building; a new beef cattle barn; paving the campus roadway; eight cottages; a new greenhouse; several farm barns; the grain elevator and seed storage plant; beef cattle feeding shed and quarters for storage of farm machinery and implements.

In 1911, the present campus plan was created and adopted. In 1924, an elaborate planting plan, including a sunken garden and an arboretum was adopted, involving a five year program before it is finally completed.

An impressive Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial, costing \$2,200.00, was presented to the institution by alumni, former-students, and friends, and dedicated with impressive ceremonies in October, 1920.

Beginning in 1911, experimental and investigational projects were begun, one after the other, until the Crookston Station really became an experiment station. Extension activities early became an important part of the institution's program.

In all these activities the central thought has been service, a happy, whole-hearted, sympathetic, understanding service, that works with, not for the people to whom the school belongs. In other words, in all our activities the effort has ever been to make the Northwest School and Station a part of the life of this great Valley, — to make it worthy of a place in the homes and hearts of all the people, by rendering an essential, a primary service.

We have tried to make it live and breathe, to feel joy and sorrow, to understand and sympathize so that it may minister to hearts as well as minds. We have humbly prayed to make it a consecrated service.